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Hello my dear friends,

A letter with a little difference this time, good news! Church is open! It has been a joy, and a privilege to welcome people back to church. Our numbers may be small, there may be no riotous singing, but our prayers are fervent and heartfelt, and we have all found such solace in getting back to share worship together. A wonderful blessing, and one, I am not ashamed to say, that had brought more than one tear to my eye, it has been lovely to see people, even if their faces are half obscured by masks! For those of you who are not able to join us yet, we pray for you and hope that you are still joining in with the service at the same time, our circle of love and prayer extending to all our congregation, wherever they are, and to all our local community.

I am afraid dear friends, that I have some sad news; for those of you who don't know,

Sheila Saul was called home to God on 3<sup>rd</sup> August,  
may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please pray for Sheila's soul and for Geoff and her family at this sad, sad time.

On a brighter note, we have been able to carry on with Friday feast this year. My great fear, as most of my volunteers were "over 21" was that we would not be able to run it, but prayers were answered, as ever, and a team from the Local Methodist circuit have stepped up to the mark to help out and we produce sandwiches for children at a holiday club run by Preston North End Football Club 3 days a week. It's fabulous that our church is still involved in feeding these children who would normally get free school meals and that they are being royally entertained 3 days a week. I am ever hopeful I will see a footballer when I go down to deliver the lunches, not that I would know what one looked like or who they were! I'll let you know if I see anyone! It is wonderful to be able to help out again, but I have to say, I shall be glad to not see a sandwich for a few weeks when this is all finished!

We continue to work on further re-opening of church and our hall, but in the meantime, as the risk is still so great, we will just be keeping to the services we have planned, Sunday 10am and 11.30am and Wednesday 10.30am. If you would like to join us please ring and book a place, you will not be able to get in without booking, my number is 01772 727208.

It is still a difficult time for us all, and despite the easings this virus has not gone away and we all still need to take the utmost care. Many people are telling me that they are still worried and are fearful of going out, that sounds so sensible to me, please stay safe, do not worry about getting out and about. If you are still shielding and need help, just shout I am here if you need anything at all. You all remain close to my heart and I hold you all in prayer every day.

With my love and every blessing

Rev Rie